

We only wish that he had, in fact, contacted the CBO or the OMB to get it scored before he made that statement that he was offering a balanced budget in 10 years. Because, frankly, if we balance the budget in 10 years, or we balance the budget in 7 years, there is room there to talk about things that are difficult problems but are things that we can negotiate, we can talk about.

But when CBO scored the President's plan, what we found out is shown in this graph. And that is that the Republican budget that we have passed as a resolution goes from the current deficit down to zero by the year 2002. But the President's budget stays, it hovers just around \$200 billion deficits for the next 7 years and then it goes on the next 3 years at \$200 billion deficits. I only wish that the President had, in fact, gotten it scored first.

HOUSE NEEDS GIFT BAN LEGISLATION

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, we continue to have ample opportunity in this body to close down the influence of the special interests, including one that we had yesterday. But the Republican leadership refused, and this is not the first time. They refused over and over again to allow an amendment to come up to ban gifts to Members of this Congress.

Yesterday they refused to allow the Baldacci amendment to come up that would close down the ability of the special interests to have undue influence on Members of Congress.

Members of this body do not need gifts. They do not need airline tickets to exotic places; frequent-flyer miles. We are very, very well compensated and our job here is to do the business of the people.

The Republican leadership's rhetoric is just that, rhetoric, about closing down corporate special interests. Let us close the special interests down. Let us have a gift ban amendment on this floor.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF CLASSIFIED MATERIALS ACCOMPANYING THE FISCAL YEAR 1996 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION BILL H.R. 1655

(Mr. COMBEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I wish to announce to all Members of the House that the classified schedule of authorizations and the classified annex to the committee report accompanying the intelligence authorization bill for fiscal year 1996, H.R. 1655, are available for review by Members at the offices of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in room H-405 of the Cap-

itol from 8:30 to 5:30, Monday through Friday.

It is important that Members keep in mind that clause 13 of rule XVIII of the House, adopted at the beginning of the 104th Congress, requires that before Members of the House may have access to classified information, they must sign the oath set out in that clause. The classified schedule of authorizations and the classified annex to the committee report contain the Intelligence Committee's recommendations on the intelligence budget for fiscal year 1996 and related classified information which may not be disclosed publicly. After consultation with the general counsel to the Clerk of the House, I would advise Members wishing to have access to the classified schedule of authorizations and the classified annex that they must bring with them to the committee office a copy of the rule LXIII oath signed by them or be prepared to sign a copy of that oath when they come to see these classified materials.

I would also recommend that Members wishing to read the classified schedule of authorizations and the classified annex to the committee report first call the committee office to indicate when you plan to review the classified annex to the report. This will help assure that a member of the committee staff is available to help Members, if they wish, with their review of these classified materials. I urge Members to take some time to review these classified documents to help them better understand the actions the Intelligence Committee has recommended before the intelligence authorization is considered on the House floor in the next several weeks.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. COMBEST. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. VOLKMER. That is one rule of the House that was enacted this year; correct?

Mr. COMBEST. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. VOLKMER. It is interesting to me that the Republican majority stands very strong about enforcing this rule of the House, but does not enforce another rule of the House that says that Members of this body can only serve on four subcommittees. Is the gentleman going to enforce that rule?

Mr. COMBEST. I do not enforce rules of the House, I tell the gentleman from Missouri. And I suggest he take it up with the leadership.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 167 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 1817.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1817) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, with Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole House rose on Tuesday, June 20, 1995, the amendment offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. FRANK] had been disposed of and the bill had been read through line 12, page 19.

Are there further amendments?

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. OBEY

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment number 7 offered by Mr. OBEY: Page 19, after line 12, insert the following new section:

SEC. 126. The amounts otherwise provided in this Act for the following accounts are hereby reduced by the following amounts:

- (1) "Military Construction, Army", aggregate amount, \$14,000,000.
- (2) "Military Construction, Navy", aggregate amount, \$9,500,000.
- (3) "Military Construction, Army National Guard", \$13,200,000.
- (4) "Military Construction, Air National Guard", \$11,000,000.
- (5) "Military Construction, Air Force Reserve", \$1,800,000.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, this amendment is a very easy to understand amendment. It simply cuts this bill by \$50 million. As I think most Members know, this \$7.2 billion bill is \$2.5 billion above last year's appropriations for the same items and it is one half of a billion dollars above the President's request.

Now, many of the projects added by the committee are referred to as quality of life projects which improve the quality of life of our servicemen and women.

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This does nothing whatsoever to limit those projects, but by my calculation, there are at least \$140 million in added projects which have absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with improving quality of life for our service men and women. They are simply added projects for Members who are attempting to change DOD construction priorities.

My amendment simply seeks to reduce the added spending in this bill somewhat less than that amount, \$50 million out of \$140 million. It is hardly a radical amendment.

For those of you concerned about which projects this amendment affects, I would say it does not affect any